

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A method for extracting tannin according to claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the lower alcohol is selected from the group consisting of: methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, and a mixture thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) A method of extracting tannin according to claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the lower alcohol/aqueous solvent is a mixed solvent having a ~~mixing ratio between lower alcohol to and water ratio~~ of 99:1 to ~~50:50~~ 70:30.
4. (Currently Amended) A method for extracting tannin according to claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the plant resource is from a plant selected from the group consisting of: mangrove, acacia, pine, larch, eucalyptus, oak, and Japanese hemlock.
5. (Currently Amended) A method for extracting tannin according to claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein ~~an~~ the extraction temperature is selected from the range of 1 to 100°C ~~and preferably in the range 15 to 65°C~~.
6. (Currently Amended, Withdrawn) Tannin obtained by the extraction method as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 14.
7. (Currently Amended, Withdrawn) An adhesive or a binder comprising tannin as one of the constituents obtained by the extraction method as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 14.
8. (Currently Amended, Withdrawn) A composition for a molding containing tannin obtained by the extraction method as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 14.
9. (Withdrawn) A method for producing tannin, comprising the steps of: separating radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark into an outer bark and an inner bark; and extracting only the outer bark as a source material.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for producing tannin according to claim 9, comprising the steps of: subjecting a block-shaped outer bark and a fiber-shaped inner bark, obtained by treating the radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark with a shredder or the like, to a pneumatic force, a screen, or the like, thereby separating the outer bark from the inner bark; grinding the separated outer bark; and extracting tannin from the obtained ground substance as a material, with lower alcohol or a mixed solvent of lower alcohol/water.

11. (Withdrawn) A method for producing tannin according to claim 9, wherein a water content of the radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark before or during separation with a pneumatic force or a screen is 20% or more.

12. (Withdrawn) Tannin comprises an outer bark of radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark as a source material.

13. (Withdrawn) An adhesive or a binder for wood is made of tannin containing an outer bark of radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark as a material.

14. (New) A method for extracting tannin from a plant resource, comprising contacting a plant resource with an extraction solvent to extract tannin from the plant resource and recovering the extracted tannin, wherein the extraction solvent is methanol or a lower alcohol/aqueous solvent, and wherein the recovered tannin has a viscosity range of 1000 to 6000 mPa/s in an aqueous tannin solution.

15. (New) A method for extracting tannin according to claim 5, wherein the extraction temperature is selected from the range of 15 to 65°C.